

SAF/LLZ (Legislative Research Team)

BEREUTER, Doug (Republican)
Representative, 1st District, Nebraska
Elected 1978 to 96th Congress
Reelected to succeeding Congresses



BACKGROUND

Born: York, Nebraska - 6 October 1939

Home: Cedar Bluffs, Nebraska

Marital status: Married (Louise) - 2 children

Religion: Lutheran

Education: Univ of Nebraska, BA, 1961; Harvard, MCP, 1963; MPA, 1973; Eagleton Institute of Politics, Princeton, 1976

Military: US Army, 1963-5; lieutenant, 1st Infantry Division

Profession: College professor

Political: Nebraska Legislature, 1975-79; Succeeded Rep Charles Thone (R) who ran for Governor. Reelected in 2000 with 66% of the vote and in 2002 with 85%.

Rep Bereuter is a conservative with a strong interest in foreign policy. Supports free trade.

In the 107th Congress, suggested there was a growing division between the US and its European allies because of the European plan to create a non-NATO rapid reaction military force and the US administration's determination to field a national missile defense system. Thought Moscow now has an opportunity to drive our NATO allies from us. Appointed as Chmn, Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China. Encouraged the President's development of a NMD. Supported a provision in the intelligence bill that would rescind restrictions on the hiring of unsavory foreign agents. Remarked that the 1995 restrictions had had a chilling effect on the use of agents who could be effective in the battle against drugs and terrorism. Believed it was necessary to recruit individuals who are influential members of Al Qaeda who have committed acts of terror. Suggested there were elements in Iran the US should encourage. Offered a successful amdt to the FY03 DoD Auth that authorized funding for the National Guard to participate in qualifying athletic or small arms competitions. Supported a bill to authorize the President to exercise waivers of foreign aid restrictions with respect to Pakistan through 30Sep03; believed the bill would provide the President with the tools he needs to encourage Pakistan's continued participation in US efforts to combat terrorism. Believed Congress should approve the decision and facilitate the development of the Yucca Mountain nuclear waste site in Nevada; believed such an action would greatly enhance national safety and security. Stated that without passage of the Export-Import Bank Extension, the Export-Import Bank will not have the legal authority to issue new financing commitments in support of the export of US-made goods and US-origin services.

Additional: Member of Army Caucus, Military Veterans Caucus, NATO Parliamentary Assembly (Chairman), and Vietnam Era Vets in Congress. Assoc Professor, Univ of Nebraska and Kansas State Univ; visiting lecturer, Harvard

AF Bases: Offutt AFB (Interest); Lincoln MAP (ANG) (Reserve Forces)

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